





# AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KINGSTON

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#### **SCHOOL PURPOSE**

AISK is an independent Preschool through Grade 12 institution. The School purpose statements include:

#### **MISSION**

Inspiring confident, critical thinkers to contribute and thrive in a diverse world.

## **VISION**

'Our students shape the future.'

## **CORE VALUES**

- EXCELLENCE INTEGRITY
- RESPECT EMPOWERMENT

## 2023-2024 FACULTY

Diversity is reflected not only in the student body but also in the staff/administration. There is a blending of 52 national and international educators - 31 teachers or 60% are Jamaican, 7 teachers or 13% are American and 14 teachers or 27% are third-country nationals from Canada, UK, Australia, The Netherlands, Cuba, Grenada and Germany. 43 out of 52 educators, or 83% have earned a Masters or PhD degree.

## **CALENDAR**

The school calendar includes two semesters. Semester 1 starts in August and ends in January. Semester 2 commences in January and finishes in June.

Total school days are 181. The school day starts at 7:45 AM and ends at 3:00 PM for all students.

## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

AISK provides English as an Additional Language (EAL) services for students who are non-native English speakers. Students are assessed using the WIDA Model to determine their English language proficiency in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The scores determine their eligibility for EAL services. The WIDA Model is administered annually to monitor student progress and growth in their acquisition of the English language. Learning support is available for students identified as having mild learning needs. Eligibility for services requires a psycho-educational evaluation by a qualified professional. The results of the assessment help to determine the level of support the student requires, as well as any accommodations they may need to ensure they are successful in the classroom.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

In 2001, AISK received its initial accreditation with AdvancED now Cognia and reaccredited in 2019 until 2025. In 2008, the school was authorized to deliver the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. AISK was re-authorised in 2020 until 2025.

#### **ENROLMENT**

There are 288 students, 153 (53%) boys, and 135 (47%) girls. 124 students are enrolled in Elementary School (43%), 68 in Middle School (24%), and 96 in High School (33%). 30 students made up the Class of 2023.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES AT AISK JAMAICA

- 17 classrooms in the lower school
- 14 classrooms in the upper school
- 4 science labs
- · An Apple Mac computer lab and Help Desk
- · A Media Center
- · 1 kitchen off the Media Center
- 1 music room
- 1 drama room
- · A 2-story art studio
- · A dance studio
- · An outdoor stage
- · A café/canteen
- · An administration office
- · A full football (soccer) field
- 2 Tennis courts
- · Basketball court
- Elementary playground (EYP has a separate playground)
- · College counseling office
- · IB Coordinator office
- · Director of Teaching and Learning Office
- IT Director office
- STEM-Makerspace
- 25m Swimming Pool
- Male / Female Locker rooms and showers
- A student support center

## STUDENT BODY

By country of birth, 31% of AISK students are Jamaican, 26% are American and 43% are third-country nationals, listed below:

Argentina	Germany	Portugal
Belgium	Guadeloupe	Romania
Bolivia	Honduras	Singapore
Brazil	India	South Africa
Cameroon	Indonesia	Spain
Canada	Israel	Sri Lanka
Chile	Italy	Sweden
China	Jamaica	Switzerland
Colombia	Japan	Thailand
Cote D'Ivoire	Korea,Republic of	Tunisia
Dominican Republic	Mexico	United Arab Emirates
Ecuador	Netherlands	United Kingdom
El Salvador	New Zealand	United States
France	Nicaragua	Yemen

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

AISK is an international school with an international standards-based curriculum designed to fit the needs of our diverse student body of college-bound students. The academic program provides three paths

to graduation. While all students earn a high school diploma, students can choose to also pursue the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, or a selection of IB courses. The following IB courses are offered: English Language and Literature, Spanish, French, Economics, History, Business management, Environmental Systems and Societies, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Visual Arts, Music, and Theater. Students also have the option of taking IB subjects not currently offered by AISK using Pamoja online and we have had students take Psychology, Spanish Ab Initio, Digital Studies and Mandarin in previous years. By grade 9, students can choose the courses that best help meet their academic goals. Honors classes are offered in Mathematics in grades 9 and 10. Grade 10 students take an integrated science coure. Grade 9 and 10 students may also choose Visual Arts or any of our Performing Arts selections (Theater, Music, or Dance) and also choose language options between French and Spanish.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

AISK is a venue for artistic, musical, and dramatic productions as well as intramural and extramural sports events. Varsity sports are Football, Basketball, Tennis, Swimming, and Dance. Major sporting events from Middle School to Varsity are SoccerFeva (AISK), International Football Competitions (Bahamas and Dominican Republic), Tennis Feva (Jamaica), and local championships in Football, Tennis, Dance, and Swimming. Clubs include Student Government, National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Model United Nations, Bookworm, Brownies, Cooking, Drone, Environmental, Film, Hurricane Hut, Kindness, Let's Play!, Peer Support, Art and Crafts, Global Issues Network (GIN), Key Club, Robotics, Chess, Coding, Taekwondo, Pickleball, Spanish, Stock Trading, Drama, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Track and Field, Volleyball, Yearbook, Yoga, and Fencing. Students can also improve their musical skills in our Band, or through Piano and Drumming classes. Students from Early Years to Grade 12 participate in community service activities. Service groups include:

- GIN Club Global Issues Network
- Mary's Child Home for Teen Mothers
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Environmental Club
- Key Club Jamaica
- Kindness Club
- Peer Support

## **CREDIT SYSTEM**

COURSES	CREDITS
English	4
Social Studies	3
P.E.	1
Science	3
Modern Language	2
Mathematics	3
Fine Art	2
Electives	6

## **IB DIPLOMA COURSES**

GRADE	SUBJECT	LEVEL
1 Language A	English: Language & Literature	HL/SL
	School-support self-taught	SL
2 Language B	French B	HL/SL
	Spanish B	HL/SL
3 Individuals and Societies	Business Management	HL/SL
	Psychology	HL/SL (Pamoja)
	Economics	HL/SL
	History	HL/SL
	Digital Studies	HL/SL (Pamoja)
4 Experimental Sciences	Biology	HL/SL
	Chemistry	HL/SL
	Environmental Systems and Societies	SL
	Physics	HL/SL
5 Mathematics	Applications and Interpretation	SL
	Analysis and Approaches	HL/SL
6 Arts	Music	HL/SL
	Theater	HL/SL
	Visual Arts	HL/SL

#### **GRADING SYSTEM**

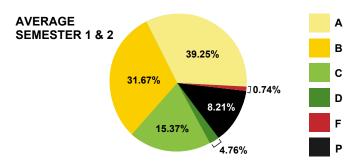
Grades are reported at the end of the semester. GPA is calculated for Grades 9-12. A 4-point scale (A-4, B-3, C-2, and D-1) is utilized and only grades earned at AISK are factored into the GPA. IB courses are weighted.

## **SEMESTER 1**

A+	3%		
Α	19.6%	38.37%	Α
A-	15.7%		
B+	12.3%		
В	12.8%	31.79%	В
B-	6.7%		
C+	5%		
С	6.6%	15.1%	С
C-	3.5%		
D+	2.3%		
D	1.7%	4.51%	D
D-	0.5%		
F	1.1%	1.10%	F
Р	9.1%	9.14%	Р

## **SEMESTER 2**

A+	6.9%		
Α	17.4%	40.13%	Α
A-	15.8%		
B+	10.8%		
В	12.3%	31.54%	В
B-	8.5%		
C+	5.9%		
С	6.7%	15.64%	С
C-	3.1%		
D+	2.1%		
D	2.1%	5%	D
D-	0.9%		
F	0.4%	0.38%	F
Р	7.3%	7.31%	Р



#### **TESTING - MAP**

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test data is used to guide curriculum design and instruction. Students in grades 3-9 sit the MAP international, standardized tests in Reading, Mathematics, and Language Usage in the first and second semesters. Fall 2022 scores were:

## AISK Students at/above world average

	ELEMENTARY	MS/HS
READING	85%	85%
MATHEMATICS	80%	72%
LANGUAGE USAGE	83%	86%

- · AISK is an official ETS test Center (Code: 91247).
- The PSAT, SAT and IB exams.
- 67% of AISK's 2022 students sat the SATs.

## Class of 2023 SAT Summary (61% of students took the SATs)

SECTION	MEAN
EVIDENCE BASED READING & WRITING	605
MATH	587
TOTAL	1192

## **IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

13 students sat for the May 2023 IB Diploma Examinations and 16 students sat for IB course exams in May 2023. There were 187 subject entries and students scored at or above the global average in 49% of the courses.

## **IB EXAM RESULTS ARE:**

Full IB Diploma	92% PASS RATE
IB Courses	98% PASS RATE
Highest Score	40 OUT OF 45
Average Score	5.14 OUT OF 7
Average Points	32

## MATRICULATION 5 Year Matriculation Statistics of AISK Students | 2018 - 2023

Amsterdam University of Applied Science

Andrews University

Art Institute of Schaumburg

Augusta University

Autonomous University of Nuevo León

**Barnard College** 

**Bentley University** 

Binghamton University

**Boston University** 

Bowdoin College

Brescia University College

British Columbia Insitute of Technology

Brock University (Open Studies)

**Brown University** 

Brunel University London

**Bryn Mawr College** 

**Bucknell University** 

California State University - Long Beach

Carleton University

Chaminade University of Honolulu

Chapman University

Clark University

College of Science, Technology & Applied

Arts of Trinidad and Tobago

Columbia University

Cornell College

**Dalhousie University** 

**Drexel University** 

**Emory University** 

Fashion Institute of Technology

Florida International University

Full Sail University

George Washington University

Georgia Tech

Grove City University

Hawaii Pacific University

**High Point University** 

Hofstra University

**Howard University** 

**HULT International Business School** 

Huron at Western University

**Huron University College** 

Illinois Institute of Technology

Ithaca College

Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales

King's College London

King's University College at Western

LaSalle Ramon Hall

LaSalle College Vancouver

Liberty University

Louisiana State University

Loyola Marymount University

**Lynn University** 

Marist College

McGill University

McMaster University

New York University (Abu Dhabi)

Northeastern University

**Nova Southeastern University** 

**Ontario Tech University** 

Pace University

Palm Beach State College

Pennsylvania State University

Pratt Institute

Queen Mary London

Queen's University

**Quinnipiac University** 

Richmond University

Red de Universidades Anáhuac

Rennselear Polytechnic University

Rollins College

Royal Holloway, University of London

Ryerson University

Sarah Lawrence College

Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art and Design

Seton Hall University

Sheridan College

Spelman College

St. Lawrence University

St Thomas University Canada

SUNY Albany

Temple University

Temple University Japan

Texas A&M University

Trent University

The Animation Workshop

**Tulane University** 

UCC

**University of Alberta** 

University of Arkansas

University of Arts London for the Psychology of Fashion

University of British Columbia

University of South Africa

University of Central Florida

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Edinburgh

**University of Florida** 

University of Guelph

University of Guelph-Humber

University of Leeds

University of Leicester

University of Manchester

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston

University of Miami

University of Nevada - Reno

University of Oregon

University of Pennsylvania

University of San Diego

University of South Florida

University of Tampa

University of Texas, San Antonio

**University of Toronto** 

University of Vermont

University of Waterloo

University of Windsor

University of Western Ontario

Virginia Tech

Wellesley College

Western University

Wheaton College

Whittier College

Wilfrid Laurier University

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

York University

